



Q&A from June 4, 2020 City of Northglenn Business Town Hall

Below are questions/comments from participant during the call, with answers and resources
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Where do we go to apply for the Adams county mini grants?

www.adamscountycovid19.org/mini-grants-application-small-businesses

The application links will go live on Monday June 8th at 10AM

Can we do medical elective spa treatments that require a mask to be removed and a physician sign off since I have a physician employed? Are elective spa only services that are not medical allowed since we have an MD on staff that requires a mask to be removed? If #1 is not allowed, what would be the reasons that another medical offices can perform the same services?

Under the current order, spas and estheticians are defined as personal services.

Services that require removing masks cannot be done at this time for personal service businesses. Other medical offices performing services may be defined as other medical and limited health care settings such as chiropractors. The difference has to do with urgency and only going into these settings for services that are essential. Please connect with TCHD for further guidance.

What are the guidelines and rules regarding gyms?

Gyms can be open with groups of 10 in one setting. Multiple groups of 10 are allowed in separate rooms. Appointments are required and shared equipment is discouraged. If shared equipment is used, thorough sanitizing is required between each use. No open gym space should be utilized with a lot of movement from area to area. Common areas like locker rooms should be closed. Groups can meet outside, but still keep to groups of 10 and maintain social distancing.

What about gyms with climbing walls?

Outdoor climbing walls are allowed. Indoor climbing walls are a shared surface and there is currently no guidance yet about this. If you would like more information, contact TCHD at www.covidbusinessrecovery@tchd.org.

Regarding Boondocks specifically, would it be possible then to open the attractions that are currently permitted such as bowling, ropes course, zip line, miniature golf, etc?

These establishments are risky because of large gathering size, movement, and shared equipment. Activities not specifically called out in the order as closed are allowed to operate at 10 people or smaller. For ex, mini-golf outdoors could open with 10 or less people. Arcades are not currently allowed due to the amount of movement involved. Outdoor activities could be allowed. Please contact TCHD for more information on opening these outdoor spaces.

Is bowling allowed? From the health order regarding bowling: "Gym means a building or room used for indoor sports or exercise, such as fitness, dance, exercise or group classes, exercise studios and centers, recreation centers, bowling alleys, pools, and other indoor athletic facilities."

There is a disconnection of putting bowling under gyms. Bowling alleys can have 10 people right now but that is too small of a # to operate a bowling alley. TCHD has talked to the state about creating barriers between groups, but hard to divide people because the lanes go all the way down. Discussions on bowling operations are still taking place.

What are the guidelines for places of worship?

Places of worship are allowed to open with 50% capacity up to 50 people. TCHD is looking for tight controls on arrivals and dismissals and recommends staggering these times. Individual rooms can host groups of 10 or fewer and doesn't count towards the 50 limit in the main area. Mask wearing is required in draft guidelines.

What are the specific guideline and rules for indoor sporting courts?

Indoor sporting courts are allowed group of 10 indoors maximum. TCHD has guidance on providing separate spaces in a larger venue by creating barriers between groups and staggering group's arrival and departures. Masks should be worn and shared equipment such as volleyballs should be thoroughly sanitized. Outdoors, groups of 25 maximum are allowed but TCHD is still concerned about shared equipment. Looking for people to be wearing masks. Updated guidelines should be coming in the next few days.

Are large buffet restaurants allowed to be open? How can they can get a variance?

Buffets and self-service are closed at this time due to concerns with movement and multiple contacts with shared serving utensils. Facilities with a large capacity can seek a variance for larger number maximum number, but it will still restricted to smaller numbers. Contact TCHD for more information.

Do dance studios fall under the same guidelines as gyms?

Yes. Dance studios can operate classes in groups of 10 and utilize separate rooms with separate groups of 10. The instructor is included in the 10 number.

When a vaccine becomes available, does Tri-County foresee vaccinations as voluntary or required by employers and residents?

The accelerate timeline for a vaccine is 12-18 months. Adam County holds regular town halls and check-ins. Please tune in to these sessions for the most current information from those experts.

What do you think the protocols will be in the fall for schools reopening? Will it still be online, be a hybrid, or in-person?

Do anticipate schools reopening in fall, but it will look different. There will be needs to maintain social distancing at all times, utilize bigger spaces, stagger arrivals and dismissals, etc. Discussions are still taking place so look for further direction later this summer.